

## REGULAR MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MARCH 2, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. (EST) on March 2, 2015. Present were Commissioners Randall L. Fleck, Lawrence M. Vollmer and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Fleck. Minutes of the February 2015 meetings of the Commissioners had been previously distributed to the Commissioners and were approved as presented. The minutes were then signed. Incomes for the month of February, 2015 were as follows: Recorder \$11,663.44; Health Department \$26,272.43; Auditor \$208.00; Clerk \$35,193.41. Claims against the County were examined and those found to be just, due and owing were allowed and those found to be not due and owing were disallowed, all as more fully set forth in the Claims and Allowance Docket of the County.

### **RE: DUBOIS STRONG**

Ed Cole of Dubois Strong appeared to discuss the current projects of the organization. Principal on the list of projects has been their housing study. The organization is attempting to accumulate information and it has been determined that currently 11,000 individuals drive into Dubois County each day for employment, while 6,000 residents leave the County each day for employment. The study continues using the services of D.C.I., Inc. Another project is training of truck drivers. This is being coordinated with Vincennes University and those organizations involved with the County Park area, where training is proposed. A third project is a Current Blend+ process to provide common facility for various start-up ventures using a common location. Dubois County Strong is also involved with and supporting the I67 project. Dubois Strong is a 501(c)(3) organization. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners approved and authorized the President to sign a renewal of Agreement for Professional Area Economic Development Services with Grow Dubois County, Inc., providing \$60,000 of funding and a First Amendment to said Agreement for an additional \$80,000 as approved by the County Council.

### **RE: INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Tim Bell of German American Insurance appeared to submit a summary of the County's auto insurance coverage and the premium paid for each. A list of recent added and deleted vehicles was reviewed. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners determined that collision coverage should be added to all Sheriff and ambulance vehicles. The Commissioners approved other coverages discussed.

### **RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR REPORT**

Highway Supervisor Berg reported on the current status of Department projects:

2015 Road Paving

The Supervisor distributed a list of current status of prior road paving and the current condition of County roads. He reviewed a proposal for use of surface treatment where required, in an attempt to seal existing surfaces, at a cost of 90 cents per foot. The treatment should allow the current pavement to last longer and would be equal to chip/seal treatment. Treatment should extend pavement life by 5 to 6 years.

Equipment Rotation

The Department Loader has been partially repaired but should be replaced next year. The Department is still

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requesting to purchase three mowing tractors this year, at a cost of approximately \$200,000. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the purchase, subject to appropriation of funds by the County Council.

Sanitation Employees

The Department has two vacancies for floater positions. The Department will begin interviews within next week.

**RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER REPORT**

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current Highway projects:

Holland Kentucky Street

BLN continues to request additional \$12,000 for prior work which is unsubstantiated. INDOT also questions the requested payment and alleged work.

Huntingburg Railroad Overpass

Invoice received from Huntingburg for County share of DLZ consulting services in the amount of \$2,902.56. On motion duly made and seconded, payment approved. Butler Fairman Seufert has inspected Bridge and has made finding that Bridge must be replaced and be currently closed. A new bridge will be required but an adjacent major electrical transmission line will cause construction problems. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners closed the Bridge effective immediately and authorized request for proposals for engineering on replacement Bridge.

Bridge 147 (CR 1200 S)

**RE: COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Jenny Fuhs, Interim Director of Community Corrections, appeared to report on Corrections operations. She presented pictures of exterior concrete steps, landing and sidewalk which have pulled away from the building. A quote has been received from Seufert Construction, who is already on the site for restroom repairs, for correction of the steps for \$5,965. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the concrete step repair, pending funding approval by the County Council.

**RE: HEALTH INSURANCE**

Pete Franzman appeared with Nathan Gabhard to discuss possible cost savings regarding the County health plan on prescription benefits on brand-name drugs by use of %CanaRx+purchase plan. Gabhard explained the method of operation of such plan, using the True Scripts Management Services system. The program would be on a voluntary basis per participant and would result in an 11% lower price for the County. The prescription of brand-named drugs would be mailed. If a brand-name drug become generic, the drug would no longer be on the CanaRX program. Subject to approval of the reinsurer, the Commissioners authorized Franzman to look into the program.

**RE: ELECTION POLLING LOCATION**

Bridgette Jarboe and Roger Messmer, representing the County Election Board, appeared to request relocation of election polling places from the Habig Center and Brames Rd. Fire Station to the Jasper National Guard facility and Jasper Arts building. The National Guard facility is already being used as a polling place, and both relocations will allow a reduction of poll personnel. On motion duly made and seconded, the relocation was approved.

**RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT**

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Tammy Humbert, EMA Director, appeared to advise that the County EMA has been granted an Emergency Management Performance Grant of \$36,539.38 for salary reimbursement. On motion duly made and seconded, the Grant was approved and signed.

**RE: JASPER WAGE COMMITTEE**

The Attorney advised that the City of Jasper has requested appointment of a County representative on a Common Wage Committee for a sewer line project. On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners appointed Jerry Apple as the County representative on the Committee.

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Kathleen M. Hopf, Auditor